HA / DR Vignette

Alert Contingency MAGTF

On order, III MEF deploys an ACM consisting of a scalable headquarters and forces for crisis response within the USPACOM area of responsibility in order to save lives, mitigate human suffering, and counter threats to U. S. National Interests.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

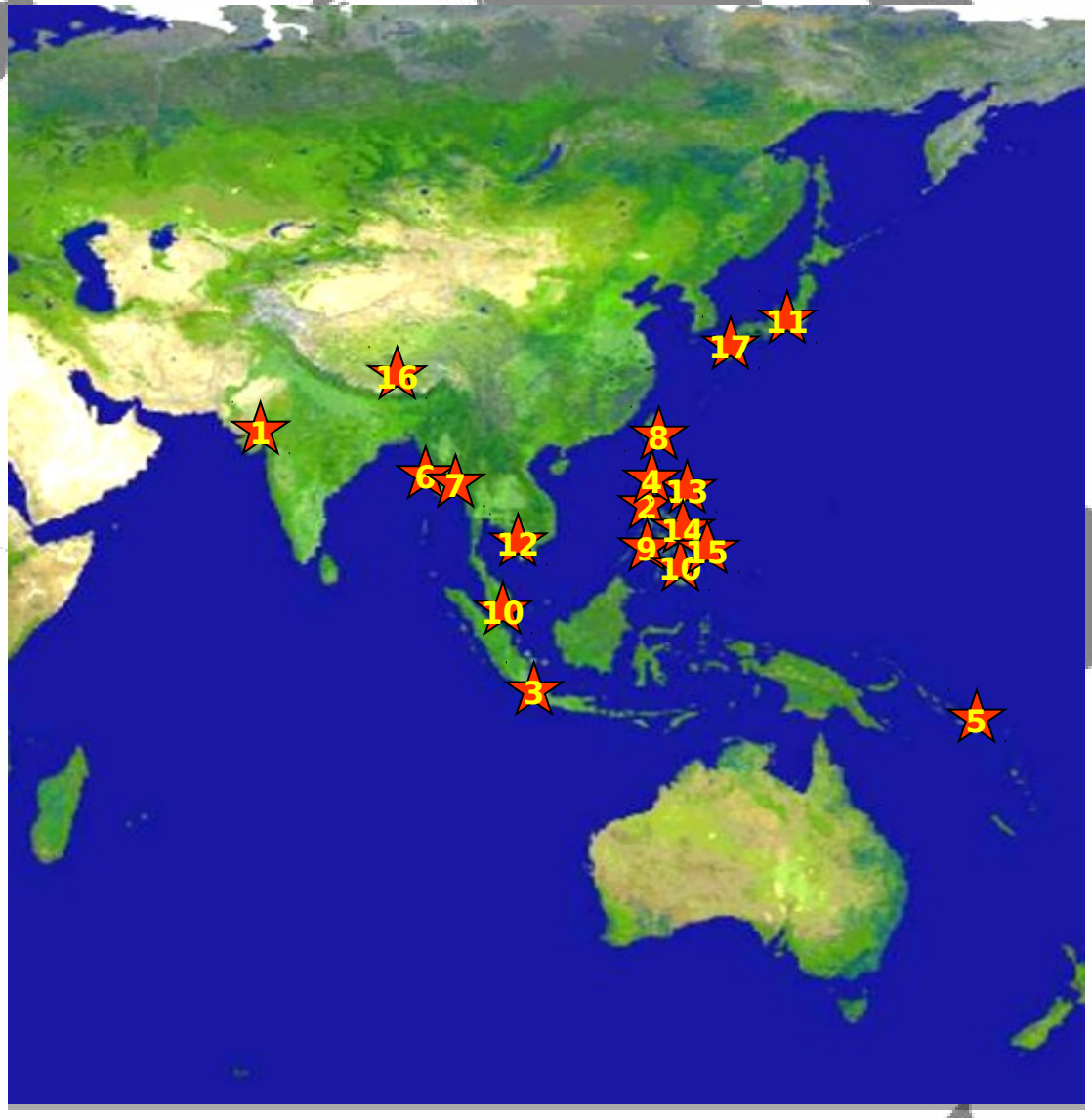
1. III MEF rapidly deploys an FCE to the designated crisis area within the timelines established by USPACOM.

2. III MEF will deploy a 1st Echelon force package tailored to support the scope of the mission and magnitude of the crisis as determined by the FCE's assessments and CDR USPACOM requirements.

3. III MEF will reinforce/enhance existing capabilities of the 1st Echelon with elements of the 2nd Echelon follow-on force as required.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief

1. Oct 2005 – Pakistan Earthquake Response
2. Mar 2006 – Philippine Mudslide Response
3. May 2006 – Indonesia Earthquake Response
4. Mar 2007 – Legazpi Typhoon Recovery
5. Apr 2007 – Solomon Islands Tsunami Response
6. Nov 2007 – Sea Angel II Bangladesh
7. May 2008 – Caring Response Burma
8. Aug 2009 – Taiwan Typhoon Relief
9. Oct 2009 – Philippine Typhoon & Indonesian Earthquake Relief
10. Oct 2010 – Philippine Typhoon Relief
11. Mar 2011 – Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Response
12. Oct 2011 – Thailand Flood Relief
13. Dec 2012 – Philippine Flood Relief
14. Nov 2013 – **Operation Damayan Typhoon Relief**
15. Dec 2014 - Typhoon Hagupit
16. May 2015 - **Operation Sahayogi Haat Earthquake Relief**
17. May 2016 – Japan Earthquake Relief



COMCAM/PA Integration

OP DAMAYAN

- Deployment defined rolls and responsibilities for both COMCAM and PA within AO
- **Established working relationship between COMCAM and PA (enabled at staff officer level, enlisted stigma still existed)**
- Commander's imagery requirements defined phase transition approval
- **JTF FWD and Main supporting and supported relationship critical (key enabler)**
- Daily Imagery PP distributed internally for staff situational awareness as well as joint, higher, adjacent commands/agencies
- COMCAM/PA must anticipate commander/staff's imagery requirements and ensure imagery requirements are track to completion (AAR)
- Established video production as requirement. Set new standard to produce as OP being conducted. Executed during SSang Yong 13 under same time constraint information cycle
- Key to success…leadership and staffs want/need for visual imagery
- Critical for COMCAM/PA to participate in CAT IOT identify the requirement for early deployment of COMCAM/PA assets
- Established working relationship with ACM (MEB)

OP SAHAYOGI HAAT

- Deployed early as joint integrated team geographically distributed (Nepal, Thailand, JP)
- **COMCAM/PA working relationships established during OP DAMAYAN continued**
- Majority of staff, both at MEF and MEB, same for both HA/DR's fell in on pre-existing relationships
- Daily Imagery PP distributed internally for staff situational awareness as well as joint, higher, adjacent commands/agencies (Imagery used same day in training venues throughout MC as examples – MCSSS)
- Identified a requirement for Joint Humanitarian Operations training (JHOC). Needed based on our frequent interactions and interoperability with joint and intergovernmental agencies
- Validated requirement for specialized trained (air crew) PA/ COMCAM Marines
- **JTF FWD, Main, Installations supporting and supported relationship critical. Validated concept of installation(s) as a power projection platform (5th element of the MAGTF); e.g. - reach back capability (product development) and personnel replacements (combat loss)**
- Average HA/DR ~ 4 weeks. Surge COMCAM/PA capabilities early. If any longer, will required reinforcements (Joint) due to 20+ hour a day battle rhythm
- **AAR's reflect integrated team providing support**

Key Take Aways

- COMCAM/PA integration continued past completion of HA/DR operations
- Coordinated PA/COMCAM operations illustrates the capability to shape strategic narrative
- Leadership well informed and understands COMCAM/PA capabilities as mutually supporting

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